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DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE (20 U.S.C. Section 9103)

Primary Responsibility -- The Director shall have primary responsibility for the development and implementation of policy to ensure the availability of museum, library, and information services adequate to meet the essential information, education, research, economic, cultural, and civic needs of the people of the United States.

The Director shall advise the President, Congress, and other Federal agencies and offices on museum, library, and information services in order to ensure the creation, preservation, organization, and dissemination of knowledge.

The Director shall engage Federal, State, and local governmental agencies and private entities in assessing the museum, library, and information services needs of the people of the United States, and coordinate the development of plans, policies, and activities to meet such needs effectively.

The Director shall carry out programs of research and development, data collection, and financial assistance to extend and approve the museum, library, and information services of the people of the United States.

The Director shall ensure that museum, library, and information services are fully integrated into the information and education infrastructures of the United States.

Coordination -- The Director shall ensure coordination of the policies and activities of the Institute with the policies and activities of other agencies and offices of the Federal Government having interest in and responsibilities for the improvement of museums and libraries and information services. Where appropriate, the Director shall ensure that such policies and activities are coordinated with (ESEA, Head Start, Workforce Investment Act, economic and community development, education and research, improving digital literacy skills, and disseminating health information).

Interagency Collaboration --The Director shall work jointly with the individuals heading relevant Federal departments and agencies, including Labor, Education, Small Business Administration, Federal Communications Commission, National Science Foundation, Health and Human Services, State, Environmental Protection Agency, Interior, Housing and Urban Development, National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities, and Office of Management and Budget, on initiatives, materials, or technology to support workforce development activities undertaken by libraries; resource and policy approaches to eliminate barriers to fully leveraging the roles of libraries and museums in supporting the early learning, literacy, lifelong learning, digital literacy, workforce development, and education needs of the people of the United States; and initiatives, materials, or technology to support educational, cultural, historical, scientific, environmental, and other activities undertaken by museums.

NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD (20 U.S.C. 9105a)

The Museum and Library Services Board shall advise the Director on general policies with respect to the duties, powers, and authority of the Institute relating to museum, library, and information services. The Museum and Library Services Board shall advise the Director in awarding national awards and medals under section 9107.

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AWARDS AND MEDALS (20 U.S.C. 9107)

The Director, with the advice of the Museum and Library Services Board, may annually award national awards and medals for library and museum services to outstanding libraries and museums that have made significant contributions in service to their communities.

POLICY RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, DATA COLLECTION, AND DISSEMINATION (20 U.S.C. 9108)

The Director shall annually conduct policy research, analysis, and data collection to extend and improve the Nation's museum, library, and information services.

The policy research, analysis, and data collection shall be used to identify national needs for and trends in museum, library, and information services; measure and report on the impact and effectiveness of museum, library, and information services throughout the United States, including the impact of Federal programs authorized under this Act; identify best practices; and develop plans to improve museum, library, and information services of the United States and to strengthen national, State, local, regional, and international communications and cooperative networks.

LIBRARY SERVICES

New Purposes

- to enhance coordination among Federal programs that relate to library and information services;
- to promote continuous improvement in library services in all types of libraries in order to better serve the people of the United States;
- to facilitate access to resources in all types of libraries for the purpose of cultivating an educated and informed citizenry;
- to encourage resource sharing among all types of libraries for the purpose of achieving economical and efficient delivery of library services to the public;
- *to promote literacy, education, and lifelong learning and to enhance and expand the services and resources provided by libraries, including those services and resources relating to workforce development, 21st century skills, and digital literacy skills¹;*
- *to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information services;*

¹ The term "digital literacy skills" means the skills associated with using technology to enable users to find, evaluate, organize, create, and communicate information. 20 U.S.C. 9101(2).

- *to ensure the preservation of knowledge and library collections in all formats and to enable libraries to serve their communities during disasters;*
- *to enhance the role of libraries within the information infrastructure of the United States in order to support research, education, and innovation; and*
- *to promote library services that provide users with access to information through national, State,*

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local, regional, and international collaborations and networks.

Grants to States Program:

Minimum Allotments (20 U.S.C. 9131)

For purposes of this subsection, the minimum allotment for each State shall be \$680,000, except that the minimum allotment shall be \$60,000 in the case of the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

State Plans (20 U.S.C. 9134)

The State plan shall describe how the State library administrative agency will work with other State agencies and offices where appropriate to coordinate resources, programs, and activities and leverage, but not replace, the Federal and State investment in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Head Start Act, Workforce Investment Act, and other Federal programs and activities that relate to library services, including economic and community development and health information;

Use of Funds (20 U.S.C. 9141)

At least 96 percent of such funds for –

- expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages *in order to support such individuals' needs for education, life-long learning, workforce development, and digital literacy skills;*
- establishing or enhancing electronic and other linkages and improved coordination among and between libraries and entities, as described in 9134(b)(6), for the purpose of improving the quality of and access to library and information services;
- *providing training and professional development, including continuing education, to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, and advance the delivery of library and information services; and enhancing efforts to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information services;*
- developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;
- targeting library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills;
- targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line (as defined by the

Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with section 9902(2) of title 42) applicable to a family of the size involved;

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- *developing library services that provide all users access to information through local, State, regional, national, and international collaborations and networks; and*
- carrying out other activities consistent with the purposes [of LSTA], as described in the State library administrative agency's plan.

National Leadership (20 U.S.C. 9162)

- building workforce and institutional capacity for managing the national information infrastructure and serving the information and education needs of the public;
- *research and demonstration projects related to the improvement of libraries or the enhancement of library and information services through effective and efficient use of new technologies, including projects that enable library users to acquire digital literacy skills and that make information resources more accessible and available; and dissemination of information derived from such projects;*
- preserving or digitizing of library materials and resources, giving priority to projects emphasizing coordination, avoidance of duplication, and access by researchers beyond the institution or library entity undertaking the project, *including the development of national, regional, statewide, or local emergency plans that would ensure the preservation of knowledge and library collections in the event of a disaster;* and
- model programs demonstrating cooperative efforts between libraries and museums.